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wear her uniform. She added that in England it was always worn. "But," I said, "you are not in England, and in America it is not done."

The trouble in most every instance comes by the nurse not standing up for the profession and forcing the public to respect us for what we are and should be, and not for the glitter of the white uniform to attract the attention. Let us be known by our deeds and not by our uniforms.

N. W., R.N.

THE OLD GRADUATE

DEAR EDITOR: I was glad to see the query of "E. P." about work for older graduates. I hope the JOURNAL will discuss the subject, for up to the present time I don't think private duty nurses have given a thought to age limit, and I am sure every registry could supply data of nurses whom they are at their wits' end to place, and who wouldn't think of trying any side line of work. It is very nice to think of working till we are eighty, but I sadly fear that even at sixty we will find we are not wanted, and I trust we will realize the fact early enough to make some provision for the day we are passed by.

M. G. (a graduate of twenty years).

JOURNALS TO SPARE

DEAR EDITOR: We have been collecting a file of JOURNALS for the Club and, in so doing, have acquired a good many duplicates, which we would be glad to dispose of. We have complete years of 1903, 1904, 1908, and some of each year from 1902 to 1907. Perhaps some of your readers are also collecting, and would like to draw on our surplus store.

Very truly,

THE BOSTON NURSES' CLUB,
755 Boylston Street.

S. B. JOHNSON, Secretary.

A SERIOUS QUESTION

DEAR EDITOR: How may nurses who have graduated from hospitals which they found, too late, were not up to the standard, prepare themselves so that they may be eligible for state registration? I hope I am not asking too much and that some of your collaborators may be of some help to this class of nurses.

B. W.

[If secretaries of state associations or of examining boards would reply to this, giving the suggestions that have come from their experience, it would be of great value.—ED.]

A BAD PRECEDENT

DEAR EDITOR: For some time I have wanted to express my appreciation of the JOURNAL. As a private duty nurse I am interested in the part of the magazine which deals with our problems.

I have recently been forced to face a very disagreeable problem when with a family in comfortable circumstances. The lady inquired my charges, and I told her \$25 a week. It was an easy case, where I could sleep most of the night, but I feel that my time is money, as my expenses go on, working hard or not. My patient told me of a case where a graduate nurse had very light work, and where, though the people were wealthy, she charged only \$15 a week, saying it would not be honest for her to take more, as she slept all night.

I told my patient I thought the nurse did wrong to give charity to a wealthy man. She did not see it in that way and said a nurse should charge

according to the amount of work she does. I informed her that a nurse gives all her time, and her expenses go on just the same. This is the first time in a practice of eight years that I have had to face anything of the kind. I feel that I am right, but would like to know how other nurses feel on the subject.

Sincerely yours,

SUBSCRIBER.

ANSWERS TO EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

DEAR EDITOR: Would it be possible when publishing, for instance, the examination of the State Board of Examiners of Nurses for Georgia, to give the answers with the questions? It would freshen the memory of nurses who are often too busy to spend much time over them. I always look over the questions but seldom have opportunity to look up the answers to those I feel doubtful about. I am a private nurse and cannot carry many books with me.

Sincerely yours,

F. H.

[This request has been often made. The JOURNAL would gladly publish a list of answers with the questions if any board of examiners will be kind enough to supply them. The most interesting and helpful method would be to publish the best answer actually given to each question in the examination. *The Australasian Nurses' Journal* does this.—Ed.]

MENDING OF RUBBER GLOVES

DEAR EDITOR: May I ask through the leaves of the JOURNAL how rubber gloves are mended when pinpricked?

What would you consider the best material to use for covers on operating-room stands? I dislike bleached muslin because it stains readily, and unbleached does not look well. I am now using linen check towelling, but it is quite expensive.

T. M.

[Reply by Jenevieve Van Sickel, head operating-room nurse, St. Luke's Hospital, New York City.

1. For mending rubber gloves, use a good rubber cement, such as "Hartford." Have small round patches of the same kind of rubber. Be sure the surfaces are dry and free from powder, and remove excess of cement with benzine, *at once*. By this method, the gloves stand subsequent boiling well.

2. A satisfactory material for table covers in an operating room is a light weight linen birdseye. The stains wash out well from this and it stands the necessary sterilizing.]

APPRECIATION

DEAR EDITOR: I am glad to say that not only the superintendent but all the nurses seem to enjoy reading the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING and say they meet many practical and interesting subjects, found not elsewhere.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

ST. MARY'S GENERAL HOSPITAL,
Lewiston, Maine.

SISTER CAMPEAU,
Directress of Nurses.

POST-GRADUATE WORK IN SOUTH

A graduate nurse wants to know if there is a training school in the south or southwest that gives a post-graduate course?

B. M.

[Send responses to editorial office.—Ed.]